

## ABSTRACT

The invention comprises:

5 An introducer for delivering into the  
vasculature a straight or bifurcated stent or prosthesis;  
a method for delivering into the vasculature a straight  
or bifurcated stent or prosthesis; a method of treating  
and angeological disease using a bifurcated stent; an  
endoluminal stent having perpendicular hoop members, each  
10 hoop member formed of wire in a sinuous configuration, at  
least some of juxtaposed apices in neighboring hoops  
being secured to one another, such stents also forming  
axially aligned segments in straight stents, and segments  
of bifurcated stents in particular embodiments. Certain  
15 embodiments of such stents also include barbs, fabric  
covering and radiopaque markers.

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